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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 8076

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E.O. 11652\$ GDS  
TAGS: AORG, FAO  
SUBJ: FAO PERSONNEL: ADG WEST'S OFFICE

1. ADG WEST TOLD BAKER AUGUST 1 THAT CORBISHLY D-1 POSITION,  
WHICH INVOLVES WORK DIRECTLY UNDER WEST ON FAO BUDGET, NOW  
BEING SOUGHT BY FRENCH IN VIEW CORBISHLY'S EXPECTED RETIREMENT.

2. IN NEXT BREATH HE INQUIRED IF ROYSTON STILL INTERESTED IN  
FAO WORK. BAKER REPLIED HE NOT SURE BUT COULD QUICKLY FIND OUT.  
HE INQUIRED WHETHER WEST WISHED TO CONSIDER ROYSTON FOR CORBISHLY  
POSITION OR FOR TOP EVALUATION SLOT ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED. WEST  
REPLIED IT COULD BE FOR EITHER ONE BUT HE WISHED TO INTERVIEW  
ROYSTON OR OTHER HIGHLY QUALIFIED US CANDIDATE WITH STRONG  
BUDGET (RATHER THAN EVALUATION) BACKGROUND IN ROME IN SEPTEMBER.  
HE AGAIN NOTED, HOWEVER, POSSIBLE DG RESISTANCE TO A TOP  
AMERICAN IN EITHER OF THESE SENSITIVE POSTS.

3. COMMENT: SUDDEN WEST READINESS TO MOVE MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE  
TO SEVERAL FACTORS: (1) HE MAY FEAR THAT, WITH DG'S CULTURAL  
LEANING TOWARD FRANCE, A SENIOR FRENCH CANDIDATE FOR CORBISHLY  
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SLOT WITH HIGH QUALIFICATIONS MIGHT BE (A) HARD TO DEFLECT;  
(B) DIFFICULT TO CONTROL GIVEN STRONG FRENCH INTEREST IN  
BUDGET. AN AMERICAN WHOM HE KNOWS AND WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS HE  
RESPECTS MIGHT BE HIS BEST COUNTERMOVE AND POSSIBLY NOW MORE  
SALABLE TO DG GIVEN IMPROVING US-FAO RELATIONS IN WAKE OF MISS  
LILLIAN'S VISIT AND ITS HOPED-FOR CONSEQUENCE).

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, STRONGLY URGE IO ASCERTAIN CURRENT STATE OF ROYSTON INTEREST IN EITHER OF THESE POSITIONS AND INFORM ROME-FODAG SO THAT WEST CAN BE APPRISED OF AVAILABILITY OF ROYSTON OR OTHER STRONG US CANDIDATES. WE BELIEVE THAT ULTIMATELY WEST WILL MANEUVER SO THAT ROYSTON, IF HE IS GIVEN A FIRM OFFER, IS GIVEN ONE WHICH MEETS WEST'S COMPLEX NEEDS BEST. THEREFORE, WE SEE LITTLE RATIONALE IN TRYING TO STEER ROYSTON TOWARD ONE JOB OR THE OTHER. IT MAY BE THAT WEST WILL PLAY US OFF AGAINST A FRENCHMAN WHO WOULD, OTHERWISE, MAKE A STRONG PARTNER FOR A TOP US EVALUATION MAN IN WEST'S OFFICE. HOWEVER, THERE IS NOT MUCH, IN OUR VIEW, THAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. SHOULD FRENCH FEEL WE ARE IN COMPETITION, WE CAN NOTE THAT WE ARE PUTTING FORWARD A MAN IN WHOM WEST HAS BEEN EXPRESSING CAUTIOUS INTEREST FOR OVER A YEAR.

5. FOR ROME: IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FODAG COULD DISCREETLY OBTAIN AND SUPPLY IO WITH PRECISE DESCRIPTION OF GRADE AND FUNCTION OF CORBISHLY JOB, POSSIBLE THRU SKOUFIS OR OYLER. IF DEPT PROVIDES REPLY ON ROYSTON OR ANOTHER CANDIDATE BEFORE BAKER RETURN, INFORMATION SHOULD BE PUT IN MESSAGE FORM FOR WEST (WHO WILL BE IN LONDON) AND GIVEN TO ONE OF HIS TWO SECRETARIES BUT, HE STRESSED, TO NO ONE ELSE.  
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